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Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for monitoring and visualizing a plurality of metrics in a dynamic data space, the method comprising:

defining metrics, each of said defined metrics corresponding to at least one entity in the dynamic data space, wherein each entity is a network component;

defining a maximum and a minimum value for each of said metrics;

quantizing discrete levels between said defined maximum and said defined minimum value;

assigning a unique indicator to each of said quantized discrete levels;

determining a value for each of said defined metrics and responsively determining said unique indicator corresponding to said value;

receiving a user selection of particular ones of said entities via a graphical user interface;

and

providing graphical display representations of said unique indicators associated with said selected entities within a graphical user interface of a machine remotely located from said at least one entity, said graphical interface changing to reflect changes to said selections.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said assigning step, comprises designating a user configurable unique indicator selected from the group consisting of a different color, a different shade and a different pattern to each of said quantized discrete level.

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